

CMAQ Project Selection Committee  
September 2, 1999  
Meeting Summary

1. Mr. Kopec informed the committee that the program mark for FY 2000 would be \$57.6 million. Although a total of \$66.8 million is available for FY 2000, the committee has made commitments to Franklin Park, Pace and Metra totaling \$9.2 million.
2. Ms. Berry presented a proposed program development schedule to the committee. The schedule has a late September program selection, a public comment period during October, CMAQ and Work Program Committee consideration in November, and Policy Committee review in December. On a motion by Mr. Buehler, seconded by Mr. Blankenhorn, the proposed schedule was unanimously approved.
3. Mr. Murtha noted changes that were made to certain projects. A number of projects were evaluated in a category different from the one submitted. A few projects were deleted at the request of the project sponsor. Data entry mistakes that affected the rankings were corrected. And the need to conduct a survey of Wendella boat users was explained.
4. A minimum project cost may be established. Staff was directed to recommend the amount in consultation with District 1 personnel and local government representatives. Such a minimum threshold, if established, will be used in subsequent programs.
5. The issue of funding engineering was discussed. There is a concern about funding engineering for projects for which construction funds will not be available, either from the CMAQ program or other sources. Staff will report to the committee on the amount of construction outstanding for which engineering has been funded to determine the extent of the problem.
6. Several issues affecting the development of a proposed program were discussed. Rankings according to Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) will be the main measure. All project categories will be considered. Staff will also consider project readiness and the level of local match when developing a program proposal.
7. Ms. Berry noted that IDOT recently requested using funds approved for the US 41 at Grand interchange reconstruction for project engineering. The committee concurred with this action.
8. Mr. Murtha noted that the annual review of progress of CMAQ project would take place before the end of the year.
9. The next meeting was scheduled for September 28 at 10:00 AM.